the State of Bihar National Highway stretches totalling to 890 km have been identified for upgradation under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-Ill.

Patna-Muzaffarpur section of NH-19 and 77 and Patna-Bakhtiarpur section of NH-30 have been included in NHDP Phase-IIIA for implementation. The bid document for Patna-Muzaffarpur section is under finalisation. For Patna-Bakhtiarpur section consultant is being appointed for updating Detailed Project Report. The rest of the stretches are presently included in NHDP Phase-IIIB for preparation of Detailed Project Report.

NH-19 and NH-77 Under NHDP-III

†1126. SHRI MANGANI LALMANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared for the construction of NH-19 and NH-77 upto Patna-Hajipur-Muzaffarpur in Bihar in the third phase of the national Highways Development Project;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof alongwith the time-limit prescribed for the commencement and completion of the constructin work of the said roads; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the pace of preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Muzaffarpur by pass of NH-77 is very slow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Detailed Project Report (DPR) for 4 laning of Patna-Hajipur-Muzaffarpur section on NH-19 and NH-77 in Bihar has been prepared. Work of up-dation of DPR is in progress. The likely time limit for commencement and completion of this project is March, 2008 and December, 2010 respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

NH-6 as Model Highway

1127. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi